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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF:

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SERIAL NO: NEW U.S. PCT APPLN. : ATTN: APPLICATION BRANCH  
(Based on PCT/EP00/09704)

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FOR: METHOD FOR REMOVING COS FROM  
A STREAM OF HYDROCARBON FLUID  
AND WASH LIQUID FOR USE IN A  
METHOD OF THIS TYPE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 7-11.

Please amend the claims as shown in the marked-up copy following this amendment to read as follows.

1. (Amended) A process for removing COS and further acidic gases from a hydrocarbonaceous fluid stream which contains CO<sub>2</sub>, COS and possibly further acidic gases, especially H<sub>2</sub>S or mercaptans, as impurities, which comprises intimately contacting the fluid stream in an absorption or extraction zone with a scrubbing liquor consisting of an aqueous amine solution containing from 1.5 to 5 mol/l of an